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REMARKS

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1. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 17 March 1954, 32 MiG-15s and 1 Li-2 were observed at Aspern (P 49/X 49) airfield. The MiG-15s were parked in a row from north to south with a gap between 24 of the aircraft and the remaining 8. No air activity was observed. There was fog through which the sun was dimly seen, visibility of about 500 meters and a northerly wind of about 3 km/h.¹
2. Personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and coming from or going to the flight control station were observed at the temporary quartering building. Twelve trucks, including trailer and 4 tank trucks were parked in or in front of the garages. About 25 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were doing maintenance work on the motor vehicles. There was light traffic by personnel, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, between the temporary buildings. The brick building was occupied by Soviet civilians. Women and children were observed entering and leaving the installation. No activity was going on and no tank truck was parked at the western fuel dump. Two gray crates were seen at the aircraft repair shop. The AA gun emplacement was unoccupied and unguarded. Truck with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was parked on the road in front of the flight control station. Later on the truck was seen departing in the direction of Gross Enzersdorf (P 49/X 59); it was occupied by about 20 personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.
3. Buildings Nos 4 and 26 on Sieges Platz, No 1 on Gross Enzersdorfer Strasse (Kommandatura), No 22 on Zach Gasse, No 19 on Lokau Gasse, and the dispensary or quartering installation for nurses on Wimpffen Gasse in Aspern, were unoccupied. Some of the buildings were being renovated by Austrian workers. Building No 7 on Sieges Platz was apparently occupied by Soviet civilians. The solid fuel dump on Gross Enzersdorfer Strasse was unguarded. Light traffic by personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was observed at the eastern cantonment.
4. The Konrad Kaserne at Gross Enzersdorf was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Ambulance and truck were parked in the yard of the installation. Building No 135 on Kaiser-Franz-Joseph-Strasse was unguarded. Soviet women and children entered and left the building.

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Building No 241 on Kasernen Strasse was unoccupied and unguarded. The former home for aged people at No 156 on Kasernen Strasse was guarded by one sentry at the gate and another one posted in the yard. Both sentries wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Three trucks and 8 van-like trucks, [redacted] were parked in the yard. Van-like truck [redacted] was observed in the yard of building No 175 on Schlosshofer Strasse. The status of the radio installation at the southeastern perimeter of the town was unchanged.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. One fighter regiment and the superior division headquarters are believed to be stationed at Aspern airfield. The 6 x 37-mm AA guns which had previously been observed were probably withdrawn.

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